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HB 4845 Testimony

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Good Morning. My name is Linda Teeter, and I am the Executive Director of Michigan Citizen Action. On behalf of Michigan Citizen Action I am here to express our support for HB 4845. We support this legislation because:

- HB 4845 would restore the rights for those most vulnerable in our society, our children and those with severe mental disabilities by keeping the no-fault promise of paying necessary medical and rehabilitation benefits.
- HB 4845 will protect medical providers, and protect children and people with mental disabilities, from the risk of interruption or cessation of care that could result if they are legally trapped by the current one-year enforcement rules.
- By restoring the rights of minors and those most vulnerable HB 4845 will remove the risk of forcing health care providers, and taxpayers, who have already seen the costs of medical care rise to unprecedented levels, to foot the bill for care that was traditionally covered by no-fault.

On behalf of Michigan Citizen Action, I ask the members of this committee to vote favorably on HB 4845 and send this bill to the full House with a favorable recommendation.